THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 126 telephone exchanges in Delhi as on 30.6.96. Out of which 115 telephone exchanges are electronic and the remaining 11 electro-mechanical. 1.3 million exchange lines are connected to electronic exchanges and 0.12 million to electro-mechanical exchanges.

There is no manual telephone exchange in the NCT of Delhi.

(b) The number of telephone exchanges converted into electronic exchanges set up during the last three years is as follows :-

Year	Converted number	Newly installed
1993-94	2	27
1994-95	2	12
1995-96	3	6

(c) During 1996-97 the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be

(i) converted into electronic exchanges—1

(ii) set-up (new electronic xge) — 9 main and 21 Remote Line units.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Irregularities in Appointments by C-DOT

5443. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints from the Members of Parliament regarding irregularities committed in the appointment for the post of Technical Assistant (software and hardware) in C-DOT; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon so far ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) A complaint was received from Shri Ramashraya Prasad Singh, Member of Parliament regarding Shri Kaushlendra Kumar, who had applied for the post of Technical Assistant in C-DOT.

(b) Shri Kaushlendra Kumar had appeared for the Technical Examination conducted by C-DOT on July 9, 1995 in Delhi Centre and could not qualify in the written test. Hence no further action is required.

[Translation]

Episode of Serials

5444. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the serials alongwith the names of their producers, of which more than 30 episodes have been telecast during the last one year till 31st July, 1996;

(b) the objective of each serial;

(c) the number of serials alongwith the producers registered during the last one year;

(d) the norms fixed for granting extension to serials;

(e) whether the Government have decided to curtail the episodes of serials telecast on Doordarshan;

(f) if so, the details thereof, serial-wise;

(g) whether the serials already granted extensions of over 100 episodes are also likely to be curtailed; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Accommodation to Employees in Delhi

5445. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Postal and Telecommunication departments get accommodation in Delhi according to duration of their service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Class-I officers of these departments have got constructed the flats for themselves more than their number whereas the number of flats for other employees are less in proportion to their number;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Class-I officers of the department are allotted accommodation through both Directorate of Estates and Postal Pool whereas other employees do not get this facility;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government propose to discontinue this dual policy; and

(h) if so, the efforts being made to construct flats in proportion to the number of Class-I officers and other employees ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : **(Department of Posts)** — (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Applications for allotment of quarters are called for every year and seniority lists are prepared according to the length of service of the applicants and their type-wise entitlement of quarter. As and when quarters become available, these are allotted as per the seniority list.

(c) No, Sir. The number of flats available for Class-I officers is not more than the number of Class-I officers. However, the satisfaction level of staff quarters for Class-I officers is more than those available for other employees.

(d) The satisfaction level of staff quarters for Class-I officers is slightly more than that for other employees due to the following reasons :–

(1) the number of Class-I officers being very limited, the satisfaction level works out to be higher.

(2) many of these officers are heads of offices and have been allotted post-attached quarters.

(3) as these officers have all India transfer liability, they require availability of quarters at the place of posting.

(e) No, Sir. Officers when they are posted in the Postal Circles, are only eligible for accommodation from the Postal Pool. However, when these officers are posted to the Postal Directorate, they become eligible for allotment of accommodation only from the Directorate of Estates.

(f) and (g) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

(h) Quarters are constructed depending on the availability of funds, land and other resources. However, due to the severe paucity of funds, no new projects are being taken up by the Department at present.

Department of Telecom

(a) to (d) and (h) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Cellular Telephone and Pager

5446. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed rules and regulations governing the operation of cellphone and pager;

(b) whether there is any device to detect the cellphone call;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason for allowing the operation of cellphone ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The main rules and regulations governing the operation of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service and Radio Paging Service are given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) and (c) The Cellular Mobile Telephone Service operators have been asked to provide circuits for monitoring the calls.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

STATEMENT

MAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. For Operation of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service

1. The Licensee must be an Indian registered Company.
2. Total foreign equity in the licensee Company must not be more than 49% of the total equity.
3. The period of licence shall be 10 years which may be extended at the discretion of Telecom Authority.
4. The Licensee shall commission the Service within 12 months of signing the Licence Agreement or the effective date of the licence, whichever is earlier.
5. The service shall conform to the Groupe Speciale Mobile or Global System of Mobile Communications (GSM) standards.
6. The service will be provided within the ceiling tariff fixed by the Telecom Authority.
7. The Licensee will pay a licence fee to the Telecom. Authority, in addition to access and junction charges to the Deptt. of Telecommunication.
8. The licensee will also pay Wireless Licence Fee, WPC (Wireless Planning and Co-ordination Wing) royalty, GSM MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) charges, etc.
9. The licences have been issued on a non-exclusive basis.

B. For Operation of Radio Paging Service

1. The licensee must be an Indian registered Company.
2. Total foreign equity in the bidding company must not be more than 49% of the total equity.